

BOOK REVIEWS

Symptoms of Visceral Disease. A study of the negative nervous system in its relationship to clinical medicine. By Francis Marion Pottenger. 2nd ed. 357 pp. Illustrated. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1922.

It is a distinct compliment to the medical profession, as well as to the author, that this thoughtful monograph should appear in a second edition so soon after its original publication; for on the one hand it demonstrates the alertness of clinicians in appreciating a superior work that is not of the stereotyped text-book variety; and again it proves that the author successfully "put over" his message. The emphasis throughout has been laid on the functional physiologic study of disease pictures, rather than on the static anatomic pathologic aspect. The influence of the incretions (ductless gland secretions), upon the vegetative nerves, and their power to modify nerve reflexes is stressed and adequately presented in the light of present knowledge. The profound effect of psychical states in initiating and altering symptoms is also given proper recognition and importance.

That a clinician, distinguished in a specialty, should retain such a broad medical horizon, and contribute so valuably to general medicine, is worthy of special comment. This book is the result of his experience in practice—that the human body is a unit, and that one part is rarely diseased without affecting other parts. It is an eloquent rejoinder to those who have been much perturbed about overspecialization in medical practice. Out of an intensive study and extensive experience in a narrow field, the author has been able to achieve a broader outlook on medicine as a whole. The book can be warmly recommended to all practitioners who wish to understand more intelligently the whys and wherefores of the symptoms they daily encounter. H. L.

Diseases of Women. By Harry Sturgeon Crossen, M.D., F.A.C.S. 5th ed. Revised and enlarged. 1005 pp. Illustrated. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1922. Price, \$10.

The fifth edition of this remarkable book has appeared. The mere fact that five editions had to be published in a comparatively short time makes it unnecessary to again speak of the enthusiasm with which this book has been received by physicians. Its clearness in organization, the great number of good illustrations, and its readable English make it a book equally valuable to the student, the practitioner, and the teacher.

The new edition gives the latest information in advanced diagnostic methods, among which the chapter on the determination of the patency of the fallopian tubes and the X-ray studies of the pelvic viscera, with the aid of gas insufflation by way of the tubes, marks the outstanding feature. Advances in X-ray and radium therapy are fully discussed. The latest interpretation of the physiological and pathological changes of the endometrium are brought before us, and will greatly help in eliminating many diagnostic errors. Many discussions on treatment have been augmented. The trend toward conservatism in treatment of inflammatory diseases of the generative organs is emphasized. The newest views on endocrine disturbances and their treatment have been condensed into a readable form so that the average practitioner can approach this problem in an intelligent manner.

Dr. Crossen must be congratulated for his unflagging enthusiasm in keeping his book up to date.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

How to Resist Disease, an Introduction to Immunity (Lippincott's Nursing Manuals). By Jean Broadhurst, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, Teachers College, Columbia University. 138 illustrations and 4 color plates. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1923.

Physics and Chemistry for Nurses (Lippincott's Nursing Manuals). By A. R. Bliss Jr., M.D., and A. H. Olive, Ph.Ch., Phm.D. 70 illustrations. Third edition, revised and rewritten and conforming to the requirements of the Standard Curriculum (1922) of the National League of Nursing Education. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Essentials of Surgery (Lippincott's Nursing Manuals), a text-book of surgery for student and graduate nurses and for those interested in the care of the sick. By Archibald Leete McDonald, M.D., The Johns Hopkins University. 49 illustrations. Second edition revised. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Text-book of Anatomy and Physiology, for Training Schools and other Educational Institutions. By Elizabeth R. Bundt, M.D., Formerly Adjunct Professor of Anatomy in the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and Superintendent of Connecticut Training School for Nurses, New Haven, etc. Fifth Edition Revised and Enlarged by Martha Tracy, M.D., and Grace Watson, R.N. 266 illustrations, 46 of which are printed in colors. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut street.

Text-book of Ophthalmology. By Hofrat Ernst Fuchs, Former Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Vienna, translated by Alexander Duane, M.D., Surgeon Emeritus, Knapp Memorial Hospital, New York. 455 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Nursing and Nursing Education in the United States. Report of the Committee for the Study of Nursing Education and Report of a Survey by Josephine Goldmark, Secretary. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1923.

Monographs on Experimental Biology; Labyrinth and Equilibrium. By Samuel Steen Maxwell, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology in the University of California. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Let Us Not Forget Fundamentals—The true purpose of America, its salvation and that of all its citizens, is in the promoting of the more abundant life of all through service by all and by the state itself of those ideals of truth and beauty, of chivalry and love and loyalty, in which all human life consists. This seems in form a double purpose, but in essence it is really one. It has been best expressed in the two commandments in which the teaching of the New Testament is summed up: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." This is the first commandment.

And the second is like unto it, namely this: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Joseph Lee, The Survey, February 1, 1923.